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CMH-200-08-01****DATE:** July 9, 2008**TO:** Participating Community Mental Health Providers**RE:** Handbook for Providers of Screening, Assessment and Support Services Re-Issue

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers of a re-issue of the Handbook for Providers of Screening, Assessment and Support Services (SASS). The revised handbook provides clarification on certain department policies. Providers are encouraged to review the handbook in its entirety. The policy clarifications included in this update are:

**CMH-201** – This topic, previously labeled “Prior Approval Process” has been removed and replaced with “Administrative Requirements”. The department no longer requires prior approval for reimbursement of services related to the SASS program.

**CMH-201.2 – Transportation Services** – The transportation section of the handbook has been expanded.

**CMH-201.4 – HFS All Kids Application Requirement** – All children and adolescents enrolled in the Children’s Mental Health SASS program who are not enrolled in one of the medical assistance programs administered by Healthcare and Family Services must, by law (*59 Ill. Admin. Code 131.30*), apply for medical assistance.

**CMH-202.7 – Care Coordination Responsibility** – This is a new section that defines the SASS providers care coordination requirements.

**CMH-202.9 – Service Extension Request** – Language has been added outlining the new eligibility extension processes.

To reduce copying and mailing cost, the department may not always include hardcopies of attachments referenced in notices and bulletins. Web site links are identified so providers may view and print the material from the Internet. The re-issued Handbook for Providers of Screening, Assessment and Support Services is available on the department’s Web site at:

<http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/handbooks/chapter200.html>

It is in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). In order to view or print the documents, you will need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer. Adobe Acrobat Reader is available to download FREE from the Adobe homepage at: <http://www.adobe.com>

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